

the intent of the caboose on the safety factor. Those people should be removed. That is labor negotiation. We talked here a little bit ago about Nebraska, the Legislature shouldn't get involved in labor negotiating management which is probably true but I am quite sure there is going to be some school teachers and public employees and courts of industrial relations and stuff that the Legislature has acted on in the last few years, might disagree with you when we talk about areas of labor negotiations. The Legislature does, one thing the Legislature does and should have and that is a deep seated concern for safety, and I think it is our responsibility to look for the safety of the people of Nebraska. With that, if there are other comments or questions, I will yield now. I'll be closing later.

PRESIDENT: All right, very well. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I have to disagree on many of these things. I don't think it is a safety measure. I think the only safety measure involved has to be between the union and the management. Certainly railroads do not under any condition want unsafe trains. They have to pay the damage and don't tell me it is cheaper to pay the damage than to have the caboose. That is not true if you have seen these things. I think what we just did by putting the Vickers amendment on it still has nothing to do with labor relations and the national contract. The management will not be able to take them off under a thousand feet unless they go through negotiations which is the way it should be. But you are not doing anything. You are just saying anything over a thousand feet. That is 18 cars. I have never seen an 18 car train except on a short track. We have long trains going through my country. I just think the whole bill is wrong. It is unfair. I told Gordon McDonald that I was going to take this bill on for one reason, it is unfair. Labor wants something taken out of that national contract in Nebraska. Management is not asking to take anything out of that contract, only labor, and in fact there may be enough votes in here wired in or bought off to pass the bill, I don't know that. All I know is that I can live with myself if I know that this bill is unfair and I fight it that way.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland. No. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President and members of the body, I would just like to correct one thing my good friend, Senator Clark, just said. He said, only a dummy wouldn't have safety measures because of what it would cost to have an accident. Let me tell you who the biggest dummies are, Ford Motor Company. Think about it. They figured out that it cost \$8 to move the